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EXPANSION OF RETAIL OUTLETS BY IOCL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the proposals on the anvil by Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL) for expansion of its retails outlets across the country including Orissa for the next fiscal;

(b): whether the expansion programme set out by IOCL for the preceding financial year was slowed down;

(c); if so, the reasons therefor;

(d): whether certain major oil depots in Orissa are proposed to be shut down with proposals to set up additional retail outlets in the State;

(e): if so, the details thereof; and

(f): the steps taken by IOCL to ensure balanced expansion of retail outlets both at rural/urban areas of different States to meet their varied demands?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(a) to (f): Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) has reported that for meeting the requirements of customers of MS and HSD and for maintaining the presence of the Corporation, the process of expansion of Retail Outlet (ROs) network in the country including in the state of Orissa is a continuous process. The growth in population of ROs of IOC was 3.6% over last year during the year 2009-10. During current year, as on 1.3.2011, IOC has already commissioned 631 ROs in the country including 16 ROs in the state of Orissa.

For setting up of new ROs. a detailed feasibility study of a location is conducted. While conducting feasibility study the available sales potential is assessed based on the following :

i) Requirement of petroleum products for local/transient vehicular traffic such as Passenger vehicles, Transport Vehicles, Tractors etc.

ii) Consumption for Agricultural Pump sets, Generator sets & future developments such as real estate development, expansion of the Highways, Industrial development in the area etc.

iii) The population of existing ROs and their sales,

iv) Any other proposed ROs planned based on market information.

No major Petroleum Oil depot of IOC in the state of Orissa is proposed to be shut down.